Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The state of South Dakota is the home of Gertrude M. Jipp, and we are richer because Gertrude lives among us; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Gertrude was born October 31, 1925, to Lillian and Jacob DeBerg at Kesley, Iowa; and,

Whereas, Gertrude married Richard F. Jipp and to that union two children were born: Joseph and Joan, and they have also been blessed with three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Gertrude is known by all as an energetic, giving person who has served her family and community faithfully, and displays one of the most attractive lawn and flower gardens in Watertown; and,

Whereas, Gertrude will observe her 80th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather on October 28, 2005, to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October, 31, 2005, as

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in South Dakota, and I join all her many friends and relatives in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Nineteenth Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State